

REMARKS

Applicants present new claims 9 to 24 for examination. Claim 9 is independent.

Applicants have canceled claim 1 to 8, which correspond to an English translation of the claims as originally filed in PCT/EP2004/009457. Applicants are also submitting a translation of the claims (claims 1 to 7) from PCT/EP2004/009457 that were amended during the international stage. New claims 9 to 24 include revised versions of the claims (1 to 7) that were amended during the international stage.

Entry hereof and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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Please apply any fees associated with this Preliminary Amendment or the accompanying application, which have not already been covered by check, to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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